
A Disciple Is to Be a Healer of Broken Relationships (Part 3)

I. Review - Priorities for healing a broken relationship

- a. *1st - God must be "the" priority in all relationships (Matthew 22:37-40)*
- b. *2nd – You are not to act like you are an unbeliever when you are in conflict with someone. (Ephesians 4:17-19; John 8:38-44; Ephesians 4:20-24)*
- c. *3rd - Always speak the truth! (Ephesians 4:25; Revelation 21:8)*
- d. *4th – Never allow ungodly anger to drive you. (Ephesians 4:26)*
- e. *5th – Make sure your words are words of healing. (Ephesians 4:29; Colossians 3:8; Philippians 4:8)*

II. Today

- a. *6th – Be more concerned with your actions more than you are with the other persons response.*
 - i. Ephesians 4:31
 1. Bitterness
 2. Clamor
 3. Slander
 4. malice
 - ii. Ephesians 4:32
 1. Kind
 2. Tenderhearted
- b. *7th – You must forgive the one who has hurt you!*
 - i. Ephesians 4:32
 1. Forgiving each other
 2. Romans 12:18
- c. *8th – Look for opportunities for the relationship to be restored.*
 - i. Acts 15:36-39
 - ii. Acts 13:13
 - iii. 2 Timothy 4:11

III. Some additional thoughts!

- a. In a broken relationship, love loves anyway.
- b. There could be a lot of time that goes by before the relationship is healed
- c. Both parties must be involved in the healing process
- d. The relationship may not be exactly like it once was, but it can still be valuable to God and His work
- e. It's never too late to try.